

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (previously presented): A medical device, comprising:

a body portion having a first end portion and a second end portion and being defined by a structure including a plurality of pairs of converging struts;

a first cuff, the first cuff being attached to the first end portion;

a second cuff, the second cuff being attached to the second end portion;

at least one shoe device, the shoe device being configured at one pair of converging struts to maintain the struts in a spaced relationship; and

wherein the first and second cuffs and the shoe device provide the medical device with atraumatic surfaces and a streamlined profile and wherein the shoe device permits the conveying struts to slide with respect of each other.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The device of claim 1, the first cuff further comprising an annular space.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The device of claim 2, wherein the first cuff is configured to receive a portion of the body portion and to engage both an interior and an exterior segment of the body portion.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The device of claim 1, the second cuff further comprising an annular space.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The device of claim 4, wherein the second cuff is configured to receive a portion of the body portion and to engage both an interior and an exterior segment of the body portion.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The device of claim 1, wherein the first cuff is configured to reside within an interior of the body portion.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The device of claim 1, wherein the second cuff is configured to reside within an interior of the body portion.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The device of claim 1, wherein the body portion is radially collapsible and the first and second cuffs cooperate to collapse with the body portion.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The device of claim 1, wherein the first and second cuffs are sutured to the body.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The device of claim 1, wherein the first and second cuffs are made from graft material.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The device of claim 10, wherein the graft material is PTFE.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The device of claim 10, wherein the graft material is PE.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The device of claim 1, wherein the shoe device provides the body portion with structural integrity.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The device of claim 1, wherein the shoe device is formed from a plastic material.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The device of claim 1, the shoe device further comprising a plurality of through holes which are sized to receive a section of strut.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The device of claim 15, wherein the plurality of through holes extend through a length of the shoe device.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The device of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of through holes, wherein the plurality of holes have blind ends.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The device of claim 1, wherein the shoe device is configured at converging struts located at a medial portion of the body portion.

Claim 19 (previously presented): A medical device, comprising:

a body portion having a first end portion and a second end portion and being defined by a structure including a plurality of pairs of converging struts;

a first cuff, the first cuff being attached to the first end portion;

a second cuff, the second cuff being attached to the second end portion; and

at least one shoe device, the shoe device being configured at one pair of converging struts to maintain the struts in a spaced relationship;

wherein the first and second cuffs provide the medical device with atraumatic surfaces and a streamlined profile and wherein the shoe device permits the converging struts to slide with respect to each other.

Claims 20-23 (canceled)